XXXVII. *An Account of a very remarkable Caſe of a Boy, who, notwithſtanding that a conſiderable Part of his Inteſtines were forced out by the Fall of a Cart upon him, and afterwards cut off, recovered, and continues well.*

Read June 12, 1755. ON the third of January 1755, I was called to John, the ſon of Lancelot Watts (a day-labourer, living at Brunſted), a ſervant-boy to Mr. Pile, a farmer at Weſtwick, near North-Walſham, Norfolk, aged thirteen years. He was overturned in a cart, and thrown flat on his face, with the round, or edge of one ſide of the cart, (bottom upwards) whelmed acroſs his loins, the upper part of the body lying beyond the wheel at right angles. In this helpleſs condition he continued ſome time, and was found with a very large portion of the inteſtines forced out at the anus, with part of the meſentery (and ſome looſe pieces of fat, which I took to be part of the omentum), hanging down below the hams double, like the reins of a bridle, very much diſtended and inflamed. He had a continual nauſea, and violent reachings to vomit, and threw up every thing he took. The pain of the ſtomach and bowels was exquiſite, attended with convulſions; his pulſe low and quick; and frequently he fell into cold ſweats. After uſing an emollient and ſpirituous fomentation, I reduced the parts, though to no purpoſe: the vomiting immediately returned, and forced them out again. Next day the fever increaſed, the nauſea and reachings to vomit continued, the parts

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parts appeared livid and black, with all ſigns of a mortification. On the third day the mortification increaſing, I cut off the inteſtine, with the meſentery, cloſe to the anus. He had had no ſtool from the time of the accident, but ſoon after the operation there was a very large diſcharge of blackiſh and extremely offenſive fæces, which continued ſeveral days, leſſening by degrees. He ſoon grew eaſy, and the nauſea and vomiting abated. I gave him *Tinct. Cort. Peruv. ſimpl.* twice a day; and, as he complained at times of griping pains, he took now and then *Tinct. Rhubarb. vinoſ.* and has recovered a good ſtate of health. For ſome time he had ſix or ſeven, or more ſtools in a day; at preſent commonly three or four, all looſe, which come ſoon after eating; and frequently he is obliged to hurry out to eaſe himſelf, during his meals.

I have three times lately tried, if I could diſcover a paſſage through the coats of the rectum, with my finger, and I think I have always felt an opening, juſt above the ſphincter, towards the ſpine; the circumference of which was full, and protuberated, ſeemingly as large as my finger, the lower edge of which was harder than the reſt: he complained of pain, when I preſſed the upper part.

The inteſtine cut off meaſured fifty ſeven inches, by a ſtring applied to the outer ſurface.

On the 7th of May the boy came walking from Brunſted to North-Walſham (ſeven miles), and dined with me, was perfectly well, and walked back again that afternoon.

North-Walſham, Norfolk, May 28, 1755. John Nedham.

Witneſs, E. Brooke, Surgeon.

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